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0610 BIOLOGY

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Paper 3 Theory (Core), maximum raw mark 80

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Abbreviations used in the Mark Scheme:

• ; separates marking points

/ alternativesI ignoreR reject

A accept (for answers correctly cued by the question, or guidance for examiners)

AW alternative wording (where responses vary more than usual)

AVP any valid point

• ecf credit a correct statement / calculation that follows a previous wrong response

ora or reverse argument

• () the word / phrase in brackets is not required, but sets the context

underline actual word given must be used by candidate (grammatical variants excepted)

max indicates the maximum number of marks that can be given

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Question	Mark Scheme	Marks	Guidance
1			5 or 6 correct = 5 4 correct = 4 3 correct = 3 2 correct = 2 1 correct = 1
		[5]	
		[Total: 5]	

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Question		Mark Schen	ne	Marks	Guidance
2	mammal	feature	survival advantage		feature and reason must match for 2 marks
	gazelle	long legs; large ears; horns; eyes placed laterally; fur pattern;	escape predators; warning of danger; defence; to detect predators; camouflage;	[max 2]	A AVP (visible) with associated reasonA possession of fur for one animal onlyA description/AW
	giraffe	long legs; long neck; fur pattern; long eye-lashes; eyes placed laterally; large ears;	reaching food/escaping predators; reaching food/leaves; camouflage; protection against dust/insects/thorns; to detect predators; warning of danger;	[max 2]	
	leopard	fur pattern; long tail; large claws; long/pointed teeth; forward facing eyes; whiskers;	camouflage; balance; disable prey; disable / eat prey; focus on prey; increased sensitivity;	[max 2]	
				[Total: 6]	

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Q	uestion	Mark Scheme	Marks	Guidance
3	(a)	protein; that functions as a biological catalyst	[2]	
	(b) (i)	A: liver; B: stomach; C: small intestine/ileum; D: large intestine/colon;	[4]	
	(ii)	E: ending in the stomach;F: ending on the liver;G: ending on the pancreas/wall of ileum;H: ending on the anus;	[4]	
	(c) (i)	ileum/small intestine/villi;	[1]	
	(ii)	diffusion; active transport; ref to glucose being small molecule/soluble; through (thin) wall; into blood / plasma/blood capillary; villi; (villi) provide large surface area (per volume);	[max 2]	A absorption into stomach here
			[Total: 13]	
4	(a)	testes; gamete; vagina; egg cell; zygote; uterus; embryo;	[7]	

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(b)	release of amniotic fluid/amnion/amniotic sac, ruptures; cervix dilates; uterus muscles/walls contract; mother helps by contracting other muscles/pushing; baby pushed out through vagina; umbilical cord tied and cut; placenta/afterbirth passed out; AVP; (e.g. head normally delivered first)	[max 4]	
		[Total: 11]	
5 (a) (i)	1.2 (dm³ per min);	[1]	
(ii)	(ecf) 3.3 (dm³ per min);;	[2]	correct sum $(4.5 - 1.2) = 1$ mark even if answer is incorrect
(b)	muscles contract; need more energy; muscles respire more; need more oxygen; need more glucose; produce more carbon dioxide; ref to oxygen/glucose/carbon dioxide carried by blood;	[max 3]	"more"/AW must be stated at least once in the explanation – if not max 3 I anaerobic respiration
(c) (i)	(1.5 – 0.5 = 1.0) 1.0 / 0.5 × 100 = 200 (%);;	[2]	

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Question	Mark Scheme	Marks	Guidance
(ii)	heat/energy release; from respiration; heat carried by blood; heat lost from skin surface/AW; by sweat; evaporation of; more sweat required/ref to liquid coming from blood; ref to homeostasis; AVP;	[max 3]	A heat loss by conduction/convection/radiation
(d)	blood needed in the muscles/at skin surface/AW; digestion not immediately essential/AW; AVP;	[max 1]	
(e)	brain (cell) function has to be constant/cells cannot reduce their energy requirement / AW; brain cells do not require extra energy during exercise / AW; AVP;	[max 2]	
		[Total: 14]	
6 (a) (i)	thread like structure/AW; contains DNA; carries genes/genetic information/hereditary material;	[max 2]	
(ii)	line ending on the nucleus;	[1]	

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(b)	parental genotypes: Bb x bb;		
	gametes: B + b x b + b;		
	F_1 genotypes: Bb + bb + Bb + bb;		
	F ₁ phenotypes; black + white + black + white;		
	ratio: 1 black : 1 white;		
		[5]	
(c)	(male) XY;		I indeterminate letters
	(female) XX;	[2]	
		[Total: 10]	
7 (a)	J palisade (mesophyll) cell/layer;		I mesophyll unqualified
	K guard cell;	[2]	A vacuole
(b)	carbon dioxide and water;		either order for both pairs • chemical symbols but must be correct
	glucose and oxygen;	[2]	I energy on RHS R energy on RHS
(c) (i)	crop yields increase as more fertiliser is added;		
	at high levels the effect of the fertiliser makes little difference to yields/non-linear/AW;		
	use of data;	[max 2]	

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(ii)	light intensity; concentration of carbon dioxide; temperature; (availability of) water; number of chloroplasts/amount of chlorophyll; AVP;	[max 2]	
(d) (i)	kill weeds; (so) more resources/e.g. of, for maize/less competition; more photosynthesis; more energy available (for growth); more glucose/sucrose/starch for cob production;	[max 2]	
(ii)	gene for tasting unpleasant to insects/to poison insects/AW; from another species; inserted into crop plants; into a chromosome; less chemical needed as plants resist insect attack;	[max 2]	
		[Total: 12]	
8 (a)	brain; spinal cord;	[2]	
(b)	light; sound; chemicals; temperature (change); object touching skin; pressure against skin; damage to skin;	[max 3]	A: position of body in space/AW; I named sense organs

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(c)	heat/stimulus detected by sensors/receptors, impulse (generated); passed along sensory neurone; across synapse (somewhere in account); impulse passed to motor neurone, via relay/AW neurone; impulse causes muscles to contract/respond;	[max 4]	
		[Total: 9]	
		Paper Total: 80	